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Everyone speaking before Council will be required to do so in a civil manner.

Council will not tolerate personal attacks on individual council members, county staff or any person or group.

Racial slurs will not be permitted. Council's number one priority is to conduct business for the citizens of this county.

All citizens who wish to address Council and all Boards and Commission appointed by Council should do so in an appropriate manner.

NOTE: Non Agenda Item matters can be addressed except for those which, due to law or proper protocol, would be inappropriate for public meetings of Council, such as, but not limited to, partisan political activity and/or comments.

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People who fish the Keowee River
LAUNCH their BOATS AT Holders Landing.

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These are just some of the people who
would like to see Holders Landing stay
open.

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Providing Quality Services To Local Governments Since 1965.

Appalachian Council of Governments Services to Oconee County, 2013

Return on Investment

Oconee County's annual investment in the Appalachian COG is \$ 27,951. The return on that investment to Oconee County in 2013 was \$ 3,200,448, representing a return on investment ratio of \$ 115 to \$ 1.

Components of Funding through ACOG to Oconee County

\$ 1,387,747	Federal Direct Grants
578,728	Workforce Training ¹
360,000	ACOG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program ³
540,000	Private Capital Resulting from Loans ³
283,976	Services to Seniors ⁴
50,000	Transit ⁵
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\$ 4,345,142	Total

Notes

1. - \$ 500,000 ARC – Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station.
- \$ 387,747 CDBG – Walhalla Chickopee Mill Water Project, Phase 2.
- \$ 500,000 Walhalla Downtown Improvements/ Streetscape Project.
2. Funds provide training for workers needing skills to adapt to changing technological needs, training for displaced workers, resources for incumbent worker and apprenticeship training, as well as training for out of school youth.
3. Funding supports local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding businesses. In addition to the capital investment, these loans supported the creation of 14 new jobs in Oconee County.
4. Funds provide meals (28,190 served), shelter, medical services, home health care, and transportation. They reduce the demand on County resources for addressing the needs of a growing and increasingly significant segment of the population.
5. Funds utilized for the purchase of a van for the Oconee County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

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Additional Services to Oconee County in 2013

- **Grants administration.** Continued the administration of the following grants;
 - City of Seneca – Utica Mill Village Phase IV Sewer Improvement Project (\$ 500,000 CDBG)
 - City of Walhalla – Chicopee Mills Infrastructure Upgrade Project, Phase I (\$ 500,000 CDBG)
 - Town of Westminster – Northern Loop Water Line (\$ 500,000 ARC)
 - Town of West Union – Old School Site Re-development Project (\$ 110,000 CDBG)
- **InfoMentum.** This is a geographic and statistical data management system that is utilized by the Oconee Economic Development Department and the Upstate Alliance to provide information required by industrial and business prospects who are considering investment decisions in the County.
- **Upstate Alliance Property Navigator.** This web-based tool increases the on-line visibility of Oconee County, providing innovative interactive analysis tools and delivering more current, complete, and easily-retrieved information. Companies and site location consultants considering the area will have greater access to more in-depth information, giving Oconee County a competitive advantage for economic development.
- **Technical support, custom research, mapping and training to the Oconee County Economic Development Commission to support industrial recruitment efforts.**
- **Senior services benefits counseling.** Provide information on resources available to seniors.
- **Plan-A-Biz.** This is an on-line decision support system for small businesses that provides critical marketing information.
- **Regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy update.** This ensures that projects in Oconee County remain eligible to receive federal Economic Development Administration and Appalachian Regional Commission grant funds.
- **Board and commission training.** ACOG provides a state mandated planning education program for board members and compliance staff for municipalities throughout the County.
- **Staff training.** ACOG provides supervisory and customer service training to employees from the County, municipalities across the County, and special purpose districts.
- **Local government support.** ACOG provides general governmental and planning assistance to Oconee County, as well as the municipalities of Salem, Seneca, Walhalla, Westminster, and West Union.
- **Responded to 73 requests for information about Oconee County.** These requests come from all over the world. Many are from firms considering investments in the County.

Coming Up In 2014

- **Update of Rural System Transportation Improvement Program.** Since 1998, this program has provided \$ 29.6 million for road improvement projects in Oconee County.
- **Continuation of grant programs.** Over the past five years, ACOG has helped local governments in the County secure \$ 1,298,983 in federal grant funds.
- **Expansion of the small business lending program to provide additional resources for existing and new businesses.**
- **Enhancement of the InfoMentum support tool for economic development.**
- **Expansion of Aging Services in the County.**
- **On-going services to local governments.**
- **On-going state mandated planning education.**



An investment in
ACOG is an
investment in
your county, city
or town.

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Letter from Chairman Ernest Riley



ACOG Board Chairman
Ernest M. Riley

"Our purpose is to enhance the lives of people living in the six-county region."



We are pleased to provide this Annual Report for the Appalachian Council of Governments, covering activities and accomplishments in 2013.

When people ask "what is the Appalachian Council of Governments?", it is sometimes challenging to come up with a concise response. To put it in one sentence, our purpose is to enhance the lives of people living in the six county South Carolina Appalachian Region. While our programs are broad and widely varied, they all come back to serving the people of the Upstate.

Since our establishment in 1965, we have maintained a commitment to providing quality services to local government. In this current time, as local entities see increasing responsibilities in the face of shrinking dollars, this mission is more critical than ever. Whether it is general administration, assistance with grants, planning, or data services, we want to be a key resource for getting the job done.

Our involvement with human services has grown tremendously in recent years. Programs for the elderly, such as home-delivered meals, congregate dining, transportation, and counseling, benefit seniors across our region every day. Likewise, work skills development is another area with increased activities in recent years, as we strive to ensure that people in our region are able to keep up with the ever-changing skill sets that are required by business and industry.

Economic development is another focus area for us. Through the administration of our *InfoMentum* economic development support system, assistance with grant funding for infrastructure, workforce development programs, and transportation planning, our purpose is to provide the resources that are needed for the region to compete in a global economy.

Thank you for your support of the Appalachian Council of Governments. I hope that you will find this Annual Report to be informative.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernest M. Riley".

Ernest M. Riley, Chair
Board of Directors

About ACOG

In the years since 1971, the Council has evolved into a multi-faceted service organization for area local governments.

The Appalachian Council of Governments is a voluntary organization of local governments in Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens and Spartanburg Counties of Upstate South Carolina.

The organization began in 1965 as the Appalachian Advisory Commission, a 12-member board created to advise the Governor on the use of Appalachian Regional Commission funds.

Authorized by referendum, the Council of Governments system emerged in 1971. ACOG has become a valuable resource for area local governments in the areas of public administration, planning, information systems and technology, grants, workforce development and services to the elderly population. Encouraged and facilitated through the Council of Governments, this marriage of intergovernmental and private sector cooperation continues as a critical element in the region's economy and quality of life.

In 2013, approximately 76 percent of ACOG revenue came from federal funding. We encourage all the entities in our region to utilize this funding. Because of these federal dollars, we provide many services at no charge.

Policy, Management & Operations

A 44-member Board of Directors sets policy for the Council of Governments. Two-thirds of the members are local elected officials, including state legislators, county council members, and mayors or city council members. County councils appoint the remaining citizen and minority members.

The Executive Director is responsible for the overall management of the Council of Governments. The director runs the day-to-day operations, and delegates specific responsibilities to department directors and staff.



Members of the ACOG Board of Directors and director, Steve Pelissier, listen during a board meeting.



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the
Information,
Referral and
Assistance
Specialist
provided
information
and
assistance to
6,445 seniors
and
caregivers.*

ACOG's Area Agency on Aging

The S. C. Appalachian Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging is designated by the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging as the coordinating and planning body for services for older persons in Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg Counties. The principal goal of the Area Agency is to develop and promote a comprehensive, coordinated community-based service delivery system with simple access that will improve the quality of life for all older adults in the region and enable them to lead independent lives with dignity in their own homes for as long as possible. Aging programs are funded by federal (79 %) and state (.21 %) dollars. Programs include:

- Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman Program; complaint resolution for residents of long-term care facilities
- Family Caregiver Support Program
- I-CARE and Senior Medicare Fraud Prevention programs
- Senior Farmer's Market Program

The Aging Services Department welcomed a new director - Karen Carter - in May 2013.

A Glimpse Back at 2013

Ombudsman Program

The Ombudsman Program received 1,229 cases on behalf of long term care residents, resulting 990 investigations of abuse, neglect, exploitation and other issues.

Family Caregiver Support Program

Provided:

689 caregivers with in-home respite, supplies, information, referral and assistance.

58 grandparents raising grandchildren or related kin with in-home respite, educational tutoring, clothes, shoes, & school supplies.

Medicare Guidance

- Certified Insurance Counselors provided on-site awareness, education and enrollment assistance to 6,000 Medicare beneficiaries and conducted outreach throughout the region.
- More than 524 applications were completed for the Medicare Savings Program, and over 500 applications were completed for extra help with the Medicare Drug Program.



Appalachian Development Corporation

The ADC is a non-profit economic development lending corporation offering multiple financing options that can be structured to meet your needs using our "gap-financing" loans. The ADC works in conjunction with local lending institutions to provide a structure that works by including long-term, fixed-rate, funding sources that lower the overall debt service requirements and allows for the maximum leverage of the applicant's resources. The funding comes primarily from public funds, thus the ADC's thrust is to create jobs for our area.

Among the ADC programs is the Appalachian Loan Fund (ALF). The ALF is a locally controlled source of low-cost, long-term, fixed-rate financing for businesses whose projects will result in the creation of permanent full time jobs and leverage private sector investment.

The ALF is a loan pool capitalized by grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission, the State of South Carolina, and from borrowings from the USDA.

More than \$2.1 million in ARC and IRP loans were closed in 2013.



thereby leveraging more than \$3.2 million in additional private capital



Finance Department

The Finance Department is responsible for the financial functions and activities of the Council and for the administration of the Council's fiscal policy.

- Budget preparation & administration
- Cost allocation
- Accounts payable
- Payroll and Fringe Benefits
- Grants administration
- Monitoring service Providers
- Contract administration
- Tax reports
- General accounting records
- Fixed assets records
- Custody of funds
- Distribution of pass-through funds
- Debt administration
- Investments
- Risk Management
- Internal & External Financial reports

Government Services

The Government Services Department works very closely with the towns, cities and counties in the six-county region of the Upstate, providing a variety of technical and professional support. The division serves as a one-stop resource for problem resolution and information by providing hands-on expertise, cost-effective consulting services and general information.

The vast majority of funding for the Government Services Department comes from federal monies. An ARC grant provides staff with the necessary resources to give free services to our local governments. Please contact a staff member for additional information.

The mission of the Government Services Department is very simple: to help the governmental entities in this region in any way possible.

Examples of 2013 Services

- Provided various types of technical assistance to local governments in the six-county region. Technical support is available in the areas of paralegal research, finance and taxation, utility rate studies, information technology, community planning, sanitation, personnel, economic development, municipal court, organizational behavior, transportation, planning and other local government issues.
- Facilitated a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association to Upstate municipal officials on budgeting and financial issues for elected officials; The broadcast is hosted at ACOG facilities.
- Continued to arrange and facilitate seven-week basic management/supervisory training programs for lower-level and first-time supervisors
- Facilitated retreats for Williamston and Easley, as well as a goal-setting and budget workshop for Greenville County
- Provided training in areas such as customer service and sexual harassment



Government Services facilitated a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association on budgeting and financial issues for elected officials.

Grant Services

The primary function of the Grant Services Department is to assist local governments in identifying, securing, and administering funds for a wide range of community and economic development activities, including water and sewer facilities, road improvements, housing rehabilitation, community centers, and senior centers, downtown revitalization and streetscaping.

Services include application preparation and packaging, and all aspects of grants administration.

The Grant Services Department is funded by federal and local dollars. Most of the department's revenue is associated with grants



ACOG Grant Services routinely assists communities with grants related to downtown revitalization and streetscaping.

Grant applications submitted by ACOG in 2013 garnered almost \$5.0 million from EDA, CDBG, ARC, & USDA-RD programs.

Grant Services can assist with application preparation and grants administration for the following programs:



Appalachian Regional Commission

- Infrastructure Improvement grants for economic development
- Education grants for technical education



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

- Infrastructure Improvement grants for economic development
- Residential water and sewer upgrades
- Housing rehabilitation
- Community facilities improvements / construction



Economic Development Administration

- Infrastructure Improvement grants for economic development



USDA - Rural Development

- Infrastructure improvement grants for economic development
- Community facilities improvements
- Residential water and sewer upgrades

State Grant Programs including:

- Parks, Recreation, and Tourism (PRT) grants
- DHEC - recycling grants
- Archives and History - planning and preservation grants
- Coordinating Council for Economic Development - access road construction
- Budget and Control Board
- Permanent Improvement Program through the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging



Workforce Investment Board

WorkLink Workforce Investment Corporation develops the link between employers and employees in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties. The volunteer board of directors ensures that the local workforce development system is market-driven and responsible in meeting the employment and training needs of businesses and job seekers. The board implements the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 in partnership with local service providers and through a comprehensive workforce development system that provides access points for employment and training services.

WorkLink funds programs for adults, dislocated workers, and youth, and supports employers through on-the-job and incumbent worker training programs. In 2013, WorkLink also offered annual events such as the WorkLink Job Fair and the Business and Industry Showcase to connect companies and employees and to ensure that job seekers have the skills they need to find employment.

Quick Facts 2013

336,857 customers accessed job search services.

131,566 customer visits to SCWorks Centers in Anderson, Liberty, and Seneca

1,345 job seekers found employment.

538 workshops and other group activities were held.

4,785 eighth- and ninth-graders attended the Business and Industry showcase through transportation funding provided by the WorkLink Youth Council.



The 2013 Business & Industry Showcase helped students better answer the question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"



A multitude of job seekers attended the 2013 WorkLink Job Fair.

Our goal is to have a fully employed, skilled workforce, and to that end, we help job seekers find the tools to build their careers, and we work with businesses to hire quality employees.

Planning & Economic Development

Planning and Information Services Merge in 2013 to become the Department of Planning and Economic Development!

The ACOG Planning and Information Services Department's have historically played important roles in regional economic development. While fulfilling separate but related tasks, each division has worked to create a regional environment that is conducive to economic growth and community development. While the role of the Planning Division has always been broad, - ranging from transportation and land use planning to regional sewer coordination - Planning has also supported regional economic development efforts through the region's annual *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS), which identifies regional priorities for economic development, thus paving the way for federal and state grant projects. Information Services has played an equally important role in supporting economic development through its delivery of the national award-winning *InfoMentum* suite of GIS-based economic development services. Personnel from each division have worked hand-in-hand for many years with local, state, and federal economic developers on efforts to attract projects to the SC Appalachian Region.

In late 2013, these two closely aligned divisions were merged in order to create new efficiencies. Directing the broad range of services in this new *Department of Planning and Economic Development (PLED)* is the COG's long-time Planning Director, Chip Bentley. Reporting directly to Mr. Bentley is David Shellhorse, who will continue to execute economic development planning initiatives while he also takes on a new role of managing the *InfoMentum* program and staff. With the merger now in place, the Department of Planning and Economic Development will continue to work to improve the quality of life and economic conditions of the region.

2013 REGIONAL PLANNING INITIATIVES

Planning Education

Provided state required planning education to 171 staff, planning commission, and board of appeals members in communities throughout the region. We hosted 35 students in orientation classes and 136 students in continuing education classes during the course of the year at COG offices and in communities in the region.

Regional Transit Coordination Plan

Assisted local transit providers in the rural portions of the region in the transition to new federal requirements outlined in MAP 21 as part of continuing efforts to implement the Regional Transit Coordination Plan. Provided guidance to agencies as they worked to meet the Federal Transit Administration's requirements to receive transit funding. Also assisted with developing applications for projects and equipment for funding totaling over \$202,834 for the region.

Water Quality Management

Coordinated the Federal Clean Water Act Section 208 Water Quality Management Plan activities. COG staff reviewed **136** Section 208 compliance applications in 2013.

Planning & Economic Development

2013 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Regional CEDS 2013 Progress Report

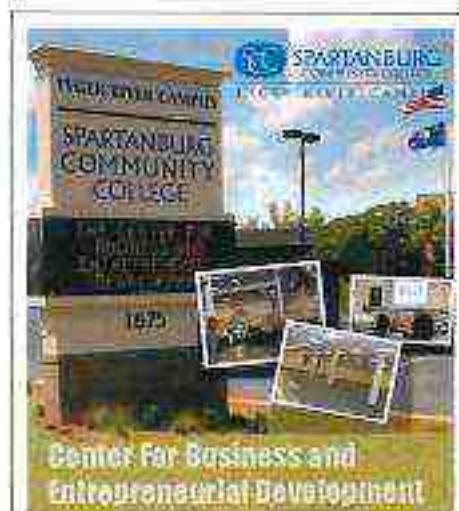
After completely re-writing the five-year regional *Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS) in 2012, a progress report of the CEDS was prepared for 2013. Maintaining the CEDS is an important function of ACOG by identifying the region's economic development priorities and assisting communities to be both eligible and competitive for federal grant funding. Guided by a steering committee with representation from our six counties plus the Upstate Alliance, the CEDS focuses on seven "areas of emphasis", which include (1) Clusters, Target Industries and Innovation Capacities, (2) Infrastructure, (3) Available Sites and Buildings, (4) Workforce Development, (5) Entrepreneurship, (6) Access to Capital, and (7) Local Asset-Based Economic Development. Major developments in the region are identified in this report, including construction of the transformative Inland Port in Greer and regional industry announcements totaling nearly \$646 million in capital investment and 2,067 new jobs.

Regional Entrepreneur Friendly Toolkit

PLED secured grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission to construct an on-line tool for increasing entrepreneurship and small business development in the region. Presently under development, the on-line "Entrepreneur Friendly Toolkit" will take communities through eight interactive planning steps that will help them organize around the goal of becoming more supportive of entrepreneurs. Completion of the steps will result in the ability to print a customized "Entrepreneur Friendly Action Plan" that contains specific local information. Special thanks to the City of Pickens and Oconee County for serving as the initial pilot communities during the development process.

Taking *InfoMentum* to the Next Level

PLED also secured grant funding from both the U.S. Economic Development Administration and the Duke Energy Foundation to complete two essential and exciting upgrades for the *InfoMentum* program: (1) the development of a Mobile App, and (2) the synchronization of *InfoMentum* with the South Carolina Department of Commerce *LocateSC* industrial marketing tool. Over the last 17 years, the *InfoMentum* suite of GIS-based economic development services has won several state and national awards for its ability to help economic developers win projects for the region. The grant dollars secured in 2013 will not only provide essential mobile technology capability, but also ensure that this region maintains the most cutting edge site selection tool in South Carolina.



In addition to spearheading development of the Regional Entrepreneur-Friendly Toolkit, PLED also worked with the ACOG Grants Department to help secure almost \$1.3 million in federal grant funding for expansion of Spartanburg Community College's Center for Business & Entrepreneurial Development.

ANDERSON COUNTY

A Glimpse at 2013



- Approved \$254,000 in loans to support local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding Anderson County businesses, thereby leveraging another \$381,750 in private capital investment and the retention of eleven existing jobs
- Contracted for \$379,758 in services for older adults in Anderson County, thereby providing home-delivered meals, congregate meals, transportation, adult day care, health promotion, home care and care management; the contractor provided 134,877 units of services to 717 older adults; another contractor provided 174 units of legal services to 24 older adults
- Maintained www.scupstateadrc.org, which provides valuable information and tools for aging and disabled citizens, their caregivers, and service providers in Anderson County
- Conducted training for Anderson County staff in the areas of sexual harassment and customer service; also provided varied technical assistance to Anderson County municipalities and special purpose districts in the areas of training, finance, management and personnel
- Worked on the administrative activities for several grant-funded projects in Anderson County; including the QuickJobs Development Center Project and the Homeland Park Water Project; also continued to assist with the administration of the HOME Program
- Worked with Anderson County to submit an application to ARC for a spec building to aid in industry recruitment efforts; also worked with Tri-County Tech to develop an ARC application to upgrade and expand the welding program in order to meet current industry needs, which received funding in the amount of \$250,000
- Worked with staff at the Anderson Office of Economic Development on a routine basis to provide customized research and mapping services in response to RFIs from industry prospects; assistance with prospect RFIs included: data compilation on local German population, manufacturing wages and labor force; detailed wage data for specific occupations; clarification regarding median household income data; and technical GIS support by phone
- Maintained *InfoMentum Online*, the online, interactive mapping and research tool utilized by the Anderson County Economic Development Division to assist in industry retention and recruitment; innovations included upgrades to the underlying software, access to new data, improvements in functionality and addition of new map layers and redesigned fact sheets; the *InfoMentum Fact Finder* tool won a NADO Innovation Award in 2013
- Provided research and mapping assistance to the Upstate SC Alliance for economic development marketing activities in Anderson County; maintained the socio-economic data tables and the industrial properties information for the UA website, highlighting Anderson County and the region
- Administered the Anderson HOME Consortium including development of the Annual Action Plan, CAPER, and day to day administrative oversight as well as coordination of housing rehabilitation projects in support of the partnership between the City of Anderson, Anderson County, and City of Belton; the Consortium completed rehabilitation of 20 homes during 2013 with a total investment of \$468,186
- WorkLink collaborated with multiple entities in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties to offer the Business and Industry Showcase and WorkLink Job Fair to connect companies and employees and ensure that job seekers have the skills they need to find employment

**In 2013,
for every
dollar
invested
by
Anderson
County,
ACOG
programs
returned
\$36.**

ANDERSON COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

2013 Highlights

All Municipalities

- Facilitated and hosted a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association on "Budgeting and Financial Issues for Elected Officials"
- Redesigned the *InfoMentum* Fact Sheets for Anderson County municipalities and updated the statistical figures to reflect the most current forecasts from ESRI Business Analyst.

Anderson

- Assisted the city on submission of an ARC pre-application for the Highway 28 Bypass Water Project; also continued to assist with the administration of the HOME Program

Belton

- Assisted the city's interim administrator with local government questions.
- Continued to assist with the administration of the HOME Program; also provided technical assistance on land use planning and zoning matters.

Honea Path

- Updated the personnel handbook; also provided technical assistance on land use planning and zoning matters

Iva

- Administered grant activities for the Iva Sewer Upgrade Project, which is funded by CDBG

Pendleton

- Provided technical assistance on land use planning and zoning matters

West Pelzer

- Administered grant activities for the West Pelzer Water Upgrade Project, which is funded by CDBG

Williamston

- Facilitated a retreat and goal setting budget workshop; also assisted the town with the status of its current budget, related to projected revenues and expenditures; prepared a three-year analysis of revenues and expenditures
- Began a staffing level analysis for the Administrative Services Department; also developed and administered a garbage collection RFP
- Administered grant activities for the Williamston Sewer Upgrade Project, which is funded by CDBG; also provided technical assistance on land use planning and zoning matters

Services to Seniors	\$ 379,758
Federal Direct Grants	\$ 250,000
Workforce Development	\$ 1,396,130
Small Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program	\$ 254,500
Private Capital Resulting from Loans	\$ 381,750
Transit Services	\$ 37,420
Total Funding into Anderson County 2013	\$ 2,699,558
County's Annual Contribution to ACOG	\$ 74,948

CHEROKEE COUNTY

A Glimpse at 2013



- Contracted for \$332,468 in services for older adults in Cherokee County, thereby providing home-delivered meals, congregate meals, respite, transportation, health promotion, home care, minor home repair and care management; the contractor provided 151,139 units of service to 523 older adults; another contractor provided eleven units of legal services to eight older adults.
- Maintained www.scupstateadrc.org, which provides valuable information and tools for aging and disabled citizens, their caregivers, and service providers in Cherokee County.
- Provided technical assistance to Cherokee County on a number of personnel issues; also wrote job descriptions for the positions of Building Official and Inspector.
- Continued the administration of grant-funded projects, including the Bear Creek Water Project and the River Drive Water Project; also worked with Cherokee County and Spartanburg Community College on the submission of a CDBG application for \$500,000 to assist with the construction of a QuickJobs facility on the Cherokee County campus.
- Worked with staff at the Cherokee County Development Board on a routine basis to provide technical GIS support by phone and customized research and mapping services in response to RFI's from industry prospects.
- Maintained *InfoMentum Online*, the online, interactive mapping and research tool utilized by the Cherokee County Development Board to assist in industry retention and recruitment; innovations included upgrades to the underlying software, access to new data, improvements in functionality and addition of new map layers and redesigned fact sheets; the *InfoMentum Fact Finder* tool won a NADO Innovation Award in 2013.
- Provided research and mapping assistance to the Upstate SC Alliance for economic development marketing activities in Cherokee County; maintained the socio-economic data tables and the industrial properties information for the UA website, highlighting Cherokee County and the region.
- Maintained and updated the Cherokee Public Access GIS Website; parcel and ownership data updates were processed and made available online when data was received from Cherokee County.
- Worked with the County Development Board, the County Chamber of Commerce, and the citizen volunteer group, Cherokee 2020, to complete a "Business Retention and Expansion Study" on the local industrial climate; conducting 40 on-site manufacturer visits with the use of a comprehensive questionnaire, the study explores the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats faced by Cherokee County as a place for manufacturers to do business; feedback on topics ranging from infrastructure to regulations to workforce will help inform local economic development strategy for years to come.
- Provided staffing to the Cherokee County Planning Commission and Compliance Board of Appeals to support the administration of the County's Unified Development Standards Ordinance.

CHEROKEE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

**In 2013,
for every
dollar
invested
by
Cherokee
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2013 Highlights

All Municipalities

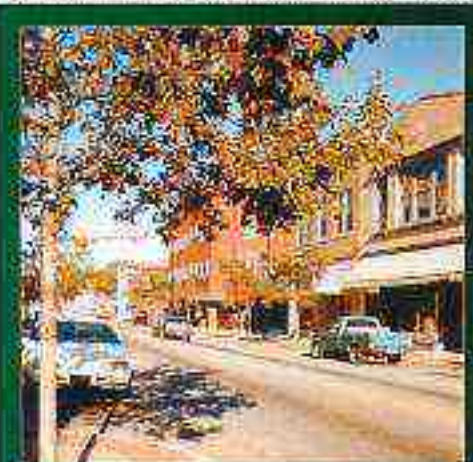
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- Redesigned the *InfoMentum* Fact Sheets for Cherokee County municipalities and updated the statistical figures to reflect the most current forecasts from ESRI Business Analyst.

Blacksburg

- Continued administration of grant-funded projects, including the Oak Grove/Highway 5 Water Project and the Youngs Grove Water Line Project
- Assisted the town with the submission of an application to ARC to upgrade the Briggs Street pump station to accommodate new growth and development; the project subsequently received a grant of \$220,800
- Assisted the town in the submission of an application for Rural Infrastructure Authority funds to construct a sewer line along Highway 5
- Continued to provide technical assistance related to community development, planning, and zoning issues

Gaffney

- Provided technical assistance to the City on a number of personnel issues
- Continued the administration of the grant-funded Village Renaissance Phase 2 project
- Continued to provide technical assistance related to community development, planning, and zoning issues



ACOG provides technical assistance to Gaffney and other municipalities on matters related to community development, planning and zoning

Services to Seniors	\$ 332,468
Federal Direct Grants	\$ 220,800
Total Funding into Cherokee County 2013	\$ 553,268
County's Annual Contribution to ACOG	\$ 24,000

GREENVILLE COUNTY

A Glimpse at 2013



- Approved \$925,200 in loans to support local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding businesses, thereby leveraging another \$1,387,800 in capital investment and the retention of 35 Greenville County jobs
- Contracted for \$403,164 in services for older adults in Greenville County, thereby providing home-delivered meals, congregate meals, transportation, home care, and health promotion; the contractor provided 214,112 units of service to 957 older adults; another contractor provided 1,013 units of legal services to 250 clients; the ACOG/AAA worked with two contractors to provide 89,433 units of transportation to 216 older adults
- Maintained www.scupstateadrc.org, which provides valuable information and tools for aging and disabled citizens, their caregivers, and service providers in Greenville County
- Facilitated a goal setting and budget workshop for Greenville County; also conducted background/reference checks on candidates for the Glassy Mountain Fire District search for a Fire Chief; revised employee handbooks for the Piedmont Park and Lake Cunningham Fire Districts and conducted board and sexual harassment training for the Boiling Springs Fire District
- Worked with staff at the Greenville Area Development Corporation on a routine basis to provide technical GIS support by phone and customized research and mapping services in response to RFIs from industry prospects; also coordinated the collection of consumer data for the quarterly ACCRA *Cost of Living Index*, in cooperation with the Greenville Area Development Corporation and the Greenville Chamber of Commerce
- Maintained *InfoMentum Online*, the online, interactive mapping and research tool utilized by the Greenville Area Development Corporation to assist in industry retention and recruitment; innovations included upgrades to the underlying software, access to new data, improvements in functionality and addition of new map layers and redesigned fact sheets; the *InfoMentum Fact Finder* tool won a NADO Innovation Award in 2013
- Provided research and mapping assistance to the Upstate SC Alliance for economic development marketing activities in Greenville County; maintained the socio-economic data tables and the industrial properties information for the UA website, highlighting Greenville County and the region
- Maintained a web mapping tool for Blue Ridge Rural Water to show service area, system components, and infrastructure; this site will be used in-house for strategic planning and inventory
- Served on the Greenville County Hazard Mitigation Task Force, which is responsible for developing and implementing a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that meets FEMA requirements for local governments to become eligible for certain disaster mitigation and relief funding programs
- Worked with GPATS, SPATS, City of Greer, and Greenlink to explore corridor improvements along the US 29 corridor between Greenville, Greer, and Spartanburg; explored possibility for transit expansion to include Greer and the GSP International Airport; also identified an improved coordinated signalization project for US 29 corridor between SC 129 and I-185 that will be funded and implemented in FY14/15
- As part of the Appalachian Rural Component of the SCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program construction began on the US 25 @ SC 11 interchange improvements in Greenville County during the last year. The project was identified by the Appalachian Council of Governments and will add an additional access ramp to the interchange and improve the current intersection along SC 11. Completion is expected in spring of 2015 with a total project cost of \$6 million.

GREENVILLE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

2013 Highlights

All Municipalities

- Facilitated and hosted a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association on "Budgeting and Financial Issues for Elected Officials"
- Redesigned the *InfoMentum* Fact Sheets for all Greenville County municipalities and updated the statistical figures to reflect the most current forecasts from ESRI Business Analyst



Mauldin, SC	
Population	12,500
Area (sq. mi.)	15.5
Population Density	806
Median Household Income	\$38,500
Unemployment Rate	12.5%
Home Ownership Rate	65%
Median Home Value	\$125,000
Median Rent	\$650
Median Commute Time	15 minutes
Median Age	38 years
Median Education	12th grade
Median Household Size	2.5
Median Family Size	3.0
Median Number of Children	1.5
Median Number of Vehicles	1.5
Median Number of Computers	1.5
Median Number of Televisions	1.5
Median Number of Cell Phones	1.5
Median Number of Internet Connections	1.5
Median Number of Landlines	1.5
Median Number of Mobile Phones	1.5
Median Number of Smart Phones	1.5
Median Number of Tablets	1.5
Median Number of Smart TVs	1.5
Median Number of Smart Appliances	1.5
Median Number of Smart Home Systems	1.5
Median Number of Smart Locks	1.5
Median Number of Smart Thermostats	1.5
Median Number of Smart Security Systems	1.5
Median Number of Smart Lighting	1.5
Median Number of Smart Speakers	1.5
Median Number of Smart Displays	1.5
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Greenville

- Worked with the City of Greenville and the Greenville Tourism Council on the submission of an ARC pre-application for the Reedy Square Project

Greer

- Worked with the City of Greer, SPATS, GPATS, and Greenlink to explore corridor improvements along the US 29 corridor between Greenville, Greer, and Spartanburg. Explored possibility for transit expansion to include Greer and the GSP International Airport. Also identified an improved coordinated signalization project for US 29 corridor between SC 129 and I-185 that will be funded and implemented in FY14/15

For every dollar invested by Greenville County, ACOG programs generated \$31.

Travelers Rest

- Monitored on-site progress of an ARC grant-funded project to construct a new Performing and Cultural Arts Center

ACOG Aging Services Program	\$403,164
Small Business & Entrepreneurial Loan Program	\$925,000
Private Capital Resulting from Loans	\$1,387,800
Transit Services	\$ 46,774
Rural Transportation Enhancement Program	\$ 1,980,850
Total Funding into Greenville County 2013	\$ 4,743,588
County's Annual Contribution to ACOG	\$151,759

OCONEE COUNTY

A Glimpse at 2013



- Approved \$360,000 in loans to support local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding businesses, thereby leveraging another \$540,000 in private capital investment and the creation or retention of fourteen new jobs in Oconee County
- Contracted for \$283,976 in services for older adults in Oconee County, thereby providing home-delivered meals, congregate meals, adult day care, health promotion, care management and home care; the contractor provided 93,952 units of service to 494 older adults; another contractor provided 91 units of legal services to 13 older adults
- Maintained www.scupstateadrc.org, which provides valuable information and tools for aging and disabled citizens, their caregivers, and service providers in Oconee County
- Conducted three seven-week basic management/supervisory training programs for lower level and first time supervisors
- Assisted Oconee County on the submission of an ARC application for the Golden Corner Commerce Park Pump Station Project, which received funding in the amount of \$500,000; in addition, a grant application was submitted to EPA requesting \$485,000 in funding for this project
- Assisted Oconee County, in cooperation with the City of Walhalla and the School District of Oconee County, in the administration of the ARC-funded Highway 11 Sewer Line Project; also worked with the Pioneer Rural Water District on the submission of an ARC pre-application for their new water treatment plant project
- Worked with staff at the Oconee County Economic Development Commission (OCEDC) on a routine basis to provide technical GIS support by phone and customized research and mapping services in response to RFI's from industry prospects; also assisted the OCEDC with research on the South Carolina hospitality tax and accommodation tax
- Maintained *InfoMentum Online*, the online, interactive mapping and research tool utilized by the Oconee County Economic Development Commission to assist in industry retention and recruitment; innovations included upgrades to the underlying software, access to new data, improvements in functionality and addition of new map layers and redesigned fact sheets; the *InfoMentum Fact Finder* tool won a NADO Innovation Award in 2013
- Provided research and mapping assistance to the Upstate SC Alliance for economic development marketing activities in Oconee County; maintained the socio-economic data tables and the industrial properties information for the UA website, highlighting Oconee County and the region
- Provided extensive GIS Technical support and expertise for GIS and GIS related projects throughout Oconee County; provided GIS system support and routine maintenance/patches, ESRI software license management and SQL Server backups; Provided individual GIS user support as needed
- WorkLink collaborated with multiple entities in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties to offer the Business and Industry Showcase and WorkLink Job Fair to connect companies and employees and ensure that job seekers have the skills they need to find employment



OCCONEE COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

2013 Highlights

All Municipalities

- Facilitated and hosted a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association on "Budgeting and Financial Issues for Elected Officials"
- Redesigned the *InfoMentum* Fact Sheets for all Oconee County municipalities and updated the statistical figures to reflect the most current forecasts from ESRI Business Analyst

Seneca

- Assisted Seneca in the administration of a \$500,000 CDBG grant for Phase 4 of the Utica Mill Village Sewer Upgrade Project

Walhalla

- Worked with the city in the development and submission of a CDBG application for Phase 2 of the Chicopee Mill Water Project, which was approved in the amount of \$387,747; also assisted with the submission of an ARC pre-application and application for the Downtown Improvements / Streetscape Project, which was awarded a grant in the amount of \$500,000
- Provided technical assistance on planning matters

Westminster

- Continued to assist Westminster in the administration of a \$500,000 ARC grant for the Northern Loop Waterline Project
- Conducted sexual harassment training
- Worked with the city on the update of their Comprehensive Plan and provided technical assistance on planning matters

West Union

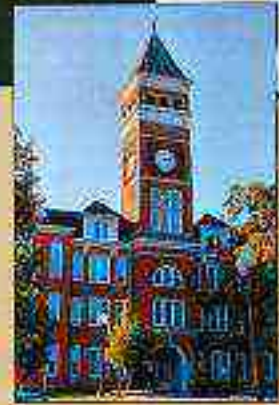
- Continued to work with the town on a \$110,000 CDBG-grant-funded project to demolish the former West Union school building; also assisted with the submission of an ARC pre-application for their Community Center / Farmers Market Project

*For every
dollar
invested
by Oconee
County in
2013,
ACOG
programs
generated
\$115.*

Federal Direct Grants	\$ 1,387,747
Workforce Training	\$ 578,725
ACOG Small Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program	\$ 360,000
Private Capital Resulting from Loans	\$ 540,000
Services to Seniors	\$ 283,976
Transit Services	\$ 50,000
Total Funding into Oconee County 2013	\$ 3,200,448
County's Annual Contribution to ACOG	\$ 27,951

PICKENS COUNTY

A Glimpse at 2013



- Approved \$47,500 in loans to support local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding businesses, thereby leveraging another \$71,250 in private capital investment and the creation or retention of four Pickens County jobs
- Contracted for \$331,419 in services for older adults in Pickens County, thereby providing home-delivered meals, congregate meals, transportation, health promotion and home care; the contractor provided 140,516 units of service to 409 older adults; another contractor provided 73 units of legal services to 21 older adults
- Maintained www.scupstateadrc.org, which provides valuable information and tools for aging and disabled citizens, their caregivers, and service providers in Pickens County
- Conducted three seven week basic management/supervisory training programs for lower level and first time supervisors
- Worked with Alliance Pickens staff on a routine basis to provide technical GIS support by phone and customized research and mapping services in response to RFIs from industry prospects
- Maintained *InfoMentum Online*, the online, interactive mapping and research tool utilized by Alliance Pickens to assist in industry retention and recruitment; innovations included upgrades to the underlying software, access to new data, improvements in functionality and addition of new map layers and redesigned fact sheets; the *InfoMentum Fact Finder* tool won a NADO Innovation Award in 2013
- Provided research and mapping assistance to the Upstate SC Alliance for economic development marketing activities in Pickens County; maintained the socio-economic data tables and the industrial properties information for the UA website; highlighting Pickens County and the region
- WorkLink collaborated with multiple entities in Anderson, Geconee and Pickens Counties to offer the Business and Industry Showcase and WorkLink Job Fair to connect companies and employees and ensure that job seekers have the skills they need to find employment

Services to Seniors	\$ 331,419
Federal Direct Grants	\$ 579,000
Workforce Training	\$ 929,601
Small Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program	\$ 47,500
Private Capital Resulting from Loans	\$ 71,250
Transit Services	\$ 27,293
Rural Transportation Enhancement Program	\$ 2,294,000
Total Funding into Pickens County 2013	\$ 4,280,063
County's Annual Contribution to ACOG	\$ 45,593

PICKENS COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

2013 Highlights

All Municipalities

- Facilitated and hosted a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association on "Budgeting and Financial Issues for Elected Officials"
- Redesigned the *InfoMentum* Fact Sheets for all Pickens County municipalities and updated the statistical figures to reflect the most current forecasts from ESRI Business Analyst

Central

- Provided technical assistance in general municipal administration, in the areas of training, finance, management and personnel and land use planning matters
- Continued the administration of the CDBG grant to purchase a new fire truck; also assisted the town in the development of a CDBG application for the James Circle Water Project, which was approved for \$79,000

Clemson

- Implementation of the Appalachian Rural Component of the SCDOT State Transportation Improvement Program continued with improvements to the SC 133 College Avenue project in Clemson. Following a delay in 2012, the project was resumed in 2013, and completion is anticipated in the spring of 2016. The project will add an additional left turn lane for the southbound lane and includes removal of the interior railroad bridge support located in the College Avenue median. The total project cost for road improvements and bridge replacement is \$17.5 million that is funded through ARRA funds, ACOG Rural Guideshares, Norfolk Southern and Amtrack.

Easley

- Facilitated a council planning retreat for the city. Provided a forum for council to review goals and establish budget objectives for the new fiscal year; also conducted a municipal court study

Liberty

- Continued the administration of the CDBG grant for the Woodside Sewer Project; also worked with the city on the submission of a CDBG application to undertake a streetscape project on Commerce Street, which was awarded a grant for \$500,000
- Provided technical assistance on land use planning matters

Pickens

- Continued administration of grant-funded projects, including Phase 2 of a Village Renaissance Project in Pickens and the Town Creek Park Project; also worked with the city on a CDBG application for streetscape improvements on Catherine and Court Streets
- Provided technical assistance in general municipal administration, in the areas of training, finance, management and personnel
- Provided staffing to the city's Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, and Board of Architectural Review along with staff support in the administration of the City's Zoning Ordinance; assisted with updates to the sign ordinance and design regulations; also initiated a planning project that will help the city organize around the goal of becoming more supportive of entrepreneurs

Six Mile

- Provided technical assistance to the town in general municipal administration, in the areas of training, finance, management and personnel, and land use planning

For every dollar that Pickens County invested in ACOG during 2013, \$94 were returned to the County.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

A Glimpse at 2013



- Approved \$200,000 in loans to support local, small, entrepreneurial, and expanding businesses, thereby leveraging another \$300,000 in private capital investment and the creation or retention of two Spartanburg County jobs.
- Contracted for \$457,343 in services for older adults in Spartanburg County, thereby providing home-delivered meals, congregate meals, home care, minor home repair, health promotion, and transportation; the contractor provided 362,165 units of service to 643 older adults; another contractor provided 192 units of legal services to 56 older adults; also maintained www.scupstateadrc.org, which provides valuable information and tools for aging and disabled citizens, their caregivers, and service providers in Spartanburg County.
- Conducted a seven-week basic management/supervisory training program for lower-level and first-time supervisors; also provided varied technical assistance in the areas of training, computers, management and/or personnel, including sexual harassment training for the Boiling Springs and Inman/Campobello Fire Districts.
- Assisted Spartanburg Community College on the submission of ARC and EDA applications for the renovation of the Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Development at the Tyger River Campus; an ARC grant was approved for \$500,000 and an EDA grant was also approved for \$782,445.
- Worked with staff of the Spartanburg Economic Futures Group on a routine basis to provide technical GIS support by phone and customized research and mapping services in response to RFIs from industry prospects; also provided research and mapping assistance to the Upstate SC Alliance for economic development marketing activities in Spartanburg County; maintained the socio-economic data tables and the industrial properties information for the UA website, highlighting Spartanburg County and the region.
- Maintained *InfoMentum Online*, the online, interactive mapping and research tool utilized by the Spartanburg Economic Futures Group to assist in industry retention and recruitment; innovations included upgrades to the underlying software, access to new data, improvements in functionality and addition of new map layers and redesigned fact sheets; the *InfoMentum Fact Finder* tool won a NADO Innovation Award in 2013.
- Facilitated a resolution to sewer expansion conflict in the Tyger River Basin to serve the Lyman/Wellford/Duncan area so that industrial development and expansions will be supported moving forward; additional studies were also initiated to identify sewer solutions and develop a long-term plan for the future of the Tyger Basin.
- Worked with SPATS, GPATS, City of Greer, and Greenlink to explore corridor improvements along the US 29 corridor between Greenville, Greer, and Spartanburg. Explored possibility for transit expansion to include Greer and the GSP International Airport.

Services to Seniors	\$ 457,343
Small Business and Entrepreneurial Loan Program	\$ 200,000
Private Capital Resulting from Loans	\$ 300,000
Federal Direct Grants	\$ 2,482,445
Transit Services	\$ 91,702
Total Funding into Spartanburg County 2013	\$ 3,531,490
Annual Contribution to ACOG	\$ 111,436

SPARTANBURG COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES

2013 Highlights

All Municipalities

- Facilitated and hosted a live quarterly broadcast from the South Carolina Municipal Association on "Budgeting and Financial Issues for Elected Officials"; also provided varied technical assistance in the areas of training, computers, management and/or personnel
- Redesigned the *InfoMentum* Fact Sheets for all Spartanburg County municipalities and updated the statistical figures to reflect the most current forecasts from ESRI Business Analyst.

Chesnee

- Administered a \$500,000 CDBG project to undertake Phase 3 of the City's streetscape efforts

Cowpens

- Assisted in the submission of a PIP grant application, which was approved for \$350,000; the funds will be used to construct a new senior center/community center

Duncan

- Assisted with the submission of a CDBG grant application to fund a proposed streetscape project; also participated in the Duncan Downtown Redevelopment charrette process

Inman & Landrum

- Provided technical assistance with planning matters

Lyman

- Assisted with the development and submission of a CDBG application for the Lyman Mill Village Sewer Project, which was approved in the amount of \$500,000; also assisted with the submission of an ARC pre-application for the Lyman Community Center Renovation Project

Pacolet

- Assisted with an update to the zoning ordinance as part of an effort to annex a large property through a development agreement and to prepare for future annexations; also provided other technical assistance
- Continued to assist with the ARC-funded Pacolet River Gateway Project; also assisted with the submission of a PIP grant application through the Lt. Governor's Office on Aging to renovate the former Milliken facility's cloth room into a senior center / community center (a \$350,000 grant was awarded); worked on the submission of an ARC pre-application for the Amphitheatre Renovation Project

Reidville

- Began the process of updating the personnel policy for the Reidville Fire District; also conducted board training for commissioners

Spartanburg

- Assisted with amendments to the city's Annual Action Plan as part of its CDBG and HOME Program activities

Woodruff

- Continued to assist with the administration of a CDBG grant for the Cavins Road Pump Station Project; also assisted with the development of a CDBG application for the McEdco Pump Station Project
- Completed a re-write of job descriptions, along with a "comp and class" study; also provided technical assistance with planning matters

For every dollar that Spartanburg County invested in ACOG during 2013, \$32 were returned to the County.

Meet the Board 2014

The Board and Staff of the Appalachian Council of Governments looks forward to a productive 2014. These are challenging times for many local governments and other public agencies:

Please contact us if we can help in any way.

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Enhanced Service Delivery



**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
DAVID STOKES, DIRECTOR**

History



2012

- **Community Development:**
 - Addressing
 - Building Codes
 - Planning
 - Zoning
- **DHEC moved in!**

2013

- **Citizenserve is selected as vendor**
- **Developed framework**
- **Transitioned processes online**

Citizenserve



Permitting

- Online
- Digital plan submittal
- Integration of GIS and Assessor data
- Collaborative review:
 - Building Codes
 - Planning & Zoning
 - Roads & Bridges
 - Fire Marshal

Inspections

- Mobile
- Real-time results from the field
- Photo Driven



What's Next?



Go Live

- **“Soft Opening:”**
 - end of March
 - Internal
- **Creation of Portal**
 - Test with contractors
- **Install citizen kiosks**
 - Provide training to contractors, design professionals, citizens

Phase II: Leverage Capacity

- **Cities:**
 - Business License
 - Zoning Approval
- **SC Dept. of Health & Environmental Control**
- **SC Dept. of Transportation**
- **Sewer Authority**
- **Utilities**

Questions



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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE 2014-06

AN ORDINANCE TO DEVELOP A JOINTLY OWNED AND OPERATED INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK (SERENE HOSPITALITY, LLC) IN CONJUNCTION WITH PICKENS COUNTY, SUCH INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK TO BE GEOGRAPHICALLY LOCATED IN OCONEE COUNTY AND ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS OF 1976 §4-1-170, ET SEQUITUR, AS AMENDED; TO PROVIDE FOR A WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH PICKENS COUNTY PROVIDING FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE PARK, THE PERCENTAGE OF REVENUE APPLICATION, AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES TO THE COUNTIES AND RELEVANT TAXING ENTITIES; TO PROVIDE THAT JOB TAX CREDITS ALLOWED BY LAW BE PROVIDED FOR BUSINESSES LOCATING IN SAID PARK; TO PERMIT A USER FEE IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXATION WITHIN SAID PARK; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF SENECA RELATED TO THE CREATION OF THE PARK WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SENECA AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN FEES IN LIEU OF *AD VALOREM* TAXES DUE TO OCONEE COUNTY FROM THE PARK, AND THE PAYMENT BY OCONEE COUNTY TO THE CITY OF SENECA OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT, SOLELY FOR THE USE OF THE CITY OF SENECA FOR SERENE HOSPITALITY, LLC; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AND SERENE HOSPITALITY, LLC; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE AUTHORIZATION OF AN INFRASTRUCTURE TAX CREDIT IN FAVOR OF SERENE HOSPITALITY, LLC.

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council") is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of the Code of Laws of the State of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), including, without limitation, Titles 4 and 12, including, particularly, Chapter 44 of Title 12 of the Code (collectively, the "Act"), to offer and provide certain privileges, benefits, and incentives to prospective developers as inducements for economic development within the County; to acquire, or cause to be acquired, properties (which such properties constitute "projects" as defined in the Act) and to enter into agreements with any business to construct, operate, maintain and improve such projects; to enter into or allow financing agreements with respect to such projects; and, to accept any grants for such projects through which powers the industrial and business development of the State of South Carolina will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate and remain in the State of South Carolina and thus utilize and employ the manpower, agricultural products and natural resources of the State and benefit the

general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, tourism or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, the County is authorized by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and Section 4-1-170 of the Code (the "Joint-County Industrial and Business Park Act"), to enter into agreements ("Park Agreements") with one or more contiguous counties for the creation and operation of one or more joint-county industrial and business parks; and

WHEREAS, Serene Hospitality, LLC (the "Company"), a limited liability company, duly authorized to do business in South Carolina, and, in fact, already doing business in the State, has acquired by construction or purchase or lease/purchase certain land and buildings, and by construction or purchase certain furnishings, fixtures, machinery, apparatus, and equipment, for the development of a hotel facility in the County (the "Project"), which will result in an expected total investment of Nine Million Dollars (\$9,000,000) in the County, which would be subject to this Agreement, all within the meaning of the Act, and the creation of new, full-time jobs in the County, during the period beginning with the first day that real or personal property comprising the Project was purchased or acquired and ending five (5) years after the last day of the Company's property tax year during which the Project is placed in service (the "Initial Investment Period"); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined that the Project, and recruitment of the Company to Oconee County and the City of Seneca (the "City"), would be aided by the availability of the assistance which the County and City might render through (1) the inclusion and retention of the Project and the other real and personal property of the Company located at the Project site in the County, in a joint-county industrial and business park which is either already in existence, or to be created by the County (the "Park" or the "Joint-County Park"), with the consent of the City; (2) the granting by the County to the Company of certain infrastructure credits, pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Code and other applicable provisions of the Act (the "Infrastructure Credits"), to partially reimburse the Company for economic development infrastructure serving the County; (3) the provision of an infrastructure grant to the City to aid in providing infrastructure for the Project; and, that the inducement will, to a great degree of certainty, result in the acquisition and construction of the Project in the County; and

WHEREAS, the County has given due consideration to the economic development impact of the Project, has found that the Project and the Park payments-in-lieu-of-taxes from the Project in the Park would be directly and substantially beneficial to the County, the taxing entities of the County, and the citizens and residents of the County, and that the Project would directly and indirectly benefit the general public welfare and serve a public purpose of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, promotion of tourism, or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and, that the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County, or a charge or pledge against the full faith, general credit, or taxing power of the County; and, that the purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development and welfare, creation of jobs, promotion of tourism, and addition to the manufacturing footprint and tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes and that the inducement of the location or expansion of the Project within the County and State is of paramount importance and that the benefits of the Project will be greater than the cost; and, has agreed to effect the issuance, execution and delivery of an Infrastructure Financing Agreement, an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City, and a Park

Agreement, pursuant to this Ordinance of the County Council, and on the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the County has previously enacted its ordinance 2012-17, on September 17, 2013, which authorized the infrastructure credits referred to herein; and

WHEREAS, the Project has now been completed, and County Council desires to make the terms of the incentives offered to the Company fit the actual investment by the Company, and otherwise to approve and ratify the incentives with the Company; ratify and approve the terms and provisions of an intergovernmental agreement and infrastructure grant with the City; approve, ratify, and affirm all acts and actions of the County previously undertaken in furtherance of the Project and as described herein; and authorize the execution and delivery of the documents described herein; and

WHEREAS, Pickens County and Oconee County, South Carolina (jointly the "Counties") are authorized under Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution to jointly develop the Park within the geographical boundaries of one or more of the member counties; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the economic welfare of the citizens of the Counties by providing employment and other benefits to the citizens of the Counties and promoting economic development in, and enhancing the tax base of the County, and the City, the County proposes to enter into an agreement with Pickens County, with the consent of the City, by Intergovernmental Agreement to develop jointly the Park (Serene Hospitality, LLC) wholly within Oconee County and the City as provided by Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, (the "Act"), and to authorize the Park Agreement, the Intergovernmental Agreement, and the Infrastructure Financing Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL:

Section 1. Oconee County is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a written agreement to jointly develop an industrial and business park (the "Park") with Pickens County, with the approval of any municipality within which the Park property shall lie. The Park is to be located within the boundaries of Oconee County. The form, terms, and provisions of the joint county industrial and business park agreement (the "Agreement") presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk of the Oconee County Council be and they are hereby approved and all of the terms, provisions and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County. The Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall not be materially adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Agreement now before this meeting. Because all or a portion of the Park property is or shall be located within the municipal limits of the City of Seneca, the City of Seneca must consent, and chooses to consent, to creation of this Park. An Intergovernmental Agreement has been created through which, among other things,

as discussed further herein, the City of Seneca consents to creation of the Park within its municipal limits, in return for the County's agreement to distribute to the City of Seneca the City's proportionate share (based on the City's proportionate share of the millage from which Park fees in lieu of taxes are calculated in the year of taxation) of the Oconee County portion of the fee in lieu of tax revenues from the Park, after payment of the 1% partner county fee to Pickens County from the overall Oconee County revenues from the Park, and after payment of any special source revenue credit or bond authorized from such revenues. The County is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Seneca. The Park is to be located within the boundaries of Oconee County and the City. The form, terms, and provisions of the Intergovernmental Agreement (the "Intergovernmental Agreement") presented to this meeting and filed with the Clerk of the Oconee County Council be and they are hereby approved and all of the terms, provisions and conditions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Intergovernmental Agreement were set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council and the County Administrator be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Intergovernmental Agreement in the name and on behalf of the County. The Intergovernmental Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such changes therein as shall not be materially adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Intergovernmental Agreement now before this meeting.

Section 2. The maximum tax credits allowable by South Carolina Code of Laws of 1976, Section 12-6-3360, as amended, will apply to any business enterprise locating in the Park.

Section 3. Any business or industrial enterprise locating in the Park shall pay a fee-in-lieu of *ad valorem* taxes as provided for in the Agreement, Article VIII Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution and the Act. The user fee paid in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes shall be paid to the Oconee County Treasurer. That portion of the fees from the Park premises located in Oconee County and allocated pursuant to the Agreement to Pickens County shall be paid by the Oconee County Treasurer to the Pickens County Treasurer within thirty (30) business days following the end of the calendar quarter of receipt for distribution, in accordance with the Agreement. Payments of user fees shall be made by a business or industrial enterprise on or before the due date for taxes for a particular year. Penalties for late payment will be at the same rate and at the same times as for late tax payment. Any late payment beyond said date will accrue interest at the rate of statutory judgment interest. The Counties, acting by and through the county tax collector for Oconee County, shall maintain all liens and rights to foreclose upon liens provided for counties in the collection of *ad valorem* taxes.

Section 4. The administration, development, promotion, and operation of the Park shall be the responsibility of Oconee County. Provided, that to the extent any Park premises is owned by a private developer or entity, the developer or entity shall be responsible for development expenses as contained in the Agreement.

Section 5. In order to avoid any conflict of laws or ordinances between the Counties, Oconee County ordinances and the ordinances of the City of Seneca (once the Serene Hospitality, LLC Project is annexed into the City) will be the reference for such regulations or laws in

connection with the Park. Nothing herein shall be taken to supersede any state or federal law or regulation.

Section 6. Law enforcement agencies for Oconee County and the City of Seneca (once the Serene Hospitality, LLC Project is annexed into the City) will have initial jurisdiction to make arrests and exercise all authority and power within the boundaries of the Park. Water, sewer and fire services will be provided by the entities which provide such services for the geographic location of the Park in Oconee County or the City of Seneca. EMS service will be provided by Oconee County or the City of Seneca, or both.

Section 7. The Intergovernmental Agreement shall also address, ratify, and affirm an economic development grant (the "Grant") made by the County to the City, to pay for a portion of the infrastructure necessary to induce Serene Hospitality, LLC to locate and build in the City and County, and to support the construction and operation of the Serene Hospitality, LLC Project, and to support the continued economic development of the City and County. Oconee County Council hereby finds and declares that economic development of the City and County is a public purpose, that the Grant will be used for economic development of the City and County, that the Grant will be used for a public purpose and, to the extent used for public infrastructure, for public use, that the City is providing city funds to induce the construction and operation of the Project, and that the Grant and the city funds are likely to cause the Project to locate in the City and County, thus adding to the tax base of both, and creating additional employment in both, all of which are public purposes of economic development. County Council hereby approves and ratifies the Grant, as set forth in greater detail in the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Section 8. Oconee County hereby designates that the distribution of the fee-in-lieu of *ad valorem* taxes pursuant to the Agreement and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Seneca, received and retained by Oconee County for Park premises shall be as directed by Oconee County Council, including, without limitation, by and through its annual budget ordinance and the Agreement and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Seneca, provided that the County may, from time to time, by ordinance, amend the distribution of the fee-in-lieu of tax payments to all taxing entities, except as otherwise regulated by law or agreement. All taxing entities levying *ad valorem* taxes or property located within the Park shall receive some distribution of *ad valorem* taxes, after distribution of the payment of the partner county fee and payment for any special source revenue bonds or credits, as provided herein and in the Intergovernmental Agreement. Zero percent (0%) of the fee-in-lieu-of-tax payments from the Park shall be paid to any taxing entity, other than those designated by Oconee County Council, herein, or in the Agreement or in the Intergovernmental Agreement, or otherwise. A portion of the fee-in-lieu of *ad valorem* taxes which Oconee County and/or the City of Seneca receives and retains pursuant to the Agreement for Park premises may be, from time to time and by ordinance of Oconee County Council, or Seneca City Council, or their successors, respectively, designated for the payment of special source revenue bonds or applied as a credit ("Special Source Revenue Credit, or SSRC") against qualifying infrastructure as provided for in Title 4, Chapters 1, 12 or 29, and Title 12, Chapter 44 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended. Specifically, but without limitation, Oconee County authorizes and directs that an SSRC of up to Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$700,000) be made available to the Company from payments made by the Company for the Project in the Park, all as set forth more fully in the Infrastructure Financing Agreement ("IFA") attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein by reference as fully as if set forth verbatim herein. The IFA is to be in

substantially the form attached hereto or with such changes therein as shall not be adverse to the County and as shall be approved by the officials of the County executing the same, their execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of their approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Intergovernmental Agreement now before this meeting. Nothing contained herein, however, shall alter the distribution pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement, except as and unless mutually agreed upon in writing by Oconee County and the City of Seneca.

Section 9. Should any section of this Ordinance be, for any reason, held void or invalid, it shall not affect the validity of any other section hereof which is not itself void or invalid.

Section 10. The Agreement may not be terminated except by concurrent ordinances of Pickens County Council and Oconee County Council, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

Enacted this _____ day of _____, 2014.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____
Joel Thrift, Council Chairman,
Oconee County Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Elizabeth Hulse, Clerk to Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

First Reading: March 4, 2014 [title only]
Second Reading: March 18, 2014
Public Hearing:
Third Reading:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE 2014-07

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE OFFENSE, EXCEPTIONS,
DEFINITIONS, AND PENALTIES OF DISTRACTED DRIVING IN
OCONEE COUNTY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO**

WHEREAS, Oconee County Council (the "County Council") has reviewed or received reports on national data indicating that texting and the use of cell phones, smart phones, and similar hand held devices create undue distractions for persons operating cars, trucks, and other vehicles on streets and highways; and

WHEREAS, such studies are reliably and clearly presented in the website of the United States Government at DISTRACTION.GOV and those findings are incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, County Council nonetheless recognizes that itemizing all types of distracted driving in Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), is not feasible and crafting an understandable ordinance to address all conceivable situations would undermine the opportunity to promote safe driving by addressing a substantial portion of those situations as provided here; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Oconee County, and visitors to Oconee County to take action to improve the safety of our highways by permitting the use of mobile phones and other mobile communication devices by drivers of a moving vehicle only when such devices are used in a "hands free" device configuration, except as specifically authorized, herein; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds it necessary for the benefit of the citizens and residents of Oconee County, and visitors to Oconee County, and Oconee County law enforcement to clearly identify which activities are prohibited and which activities are permitted with regard to operating a vehicle while using a mobile hand held communication device; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds the clearest, most understandable, and most reasonably enforceable method of addressing the growing issue of drivers distracted by the use of mobile communication devices is to provide a bright line standard of permitting drivers of a moving vehicle to use mobile communication devices in a hands free mode only, with a very limited number of specific exceptions, only; and

WHEREAS, County Council finds operators of motor vehicles, motorcycles, mopeds, and bicycles, all while moving, who use mobile communication devices all pose similar dangers to the County's citizens, residents, and visitors;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following ordinance pertaining to distracted driving in Oconee County, South Carolina, is hereby ordained by Oconee County Council in lawful meeting duly assembled:

Distracted Driving

(a) **Offense:** No person shall operate a moving motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle on, or in, a public street, public highway, public parking lot, or public parking garage in the unincorporated portion of Oconee County while using a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device.

(b) **Exceptions:** The provisions of subsection (a), above, shall not apply to the following:

(1) The operator of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle that is legally parked at the time.

(2) The operator of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle who is using a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device that is specifically designed and configured to allow hands free use and is being used in that manner at the time.

(3) The operator of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle using a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device specifically to report a crime or emergency situation to the appropriate authorities.

(4) The operator of a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle which is legally stopped or stationary in traffic. For example, a driver at a traffic control device waiting for a signal change may use said device without being "hands free", but only while the vehicle is completely stationary.

(5) A law enforcement officer, firefighter, emergency medical services personnel, ambulance driver, or other similarly employed public safety personnel using a mobile phone or portable electronic communication device solely for emergency purposes in the performance of his or her official duties.

(c) **Definitions:**

(1) *Bicycle* shall be given its plain and ordinary meaning of a two wheeled, human propelled conveyance. Bicycle shall include said human propelled conveyances with any number of wheels, including but not limited to three wheelers.

(2) *Mobile phone* means a mobile, wireless telephone.

(3) *Motor vehicle* is defined by Title 56, Chapter 1, Article 1, §56-1-10(7) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(4) *Motorcycle and moped* shall be defined by Title 56, Chapter 1, Article 1, §56-1-10(8) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(5) *Operate* means to drive a motor vehicle, motorcycle, moped, or bicycle.

(6) *Other portable electronic communication device* means a mobile phone, cellphone, text-messaging device, personal digital assistant, computer, tablet, or any other substantially similar wireless device that is used to initiate or receive a wireless communication or data. Other portable electronic communication device does not mean a direct connect, two-way, push button activated, voice radio.

(7) *Using a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device* means talking into, listening to a communication on, sending text messages with, reading text messages on the screen of, sending e-mail with, reading e-mail on the screen of, or viewing the screen of said device.

(a) A person who holds a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device up to, or proximately near, his or her ear is presumed to be

using it to talk into or listen to a communication on said device in violation of this section.

(b) A person who holds a mobile phone or other portable electronic communication device while manipulating the keyboard or screen is presumed to be using it to read or send text messages, read or send e-mails, or view the screen of said device in violation of this section.

(d) Penalties:

(1) A violation of this Ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of:

(a) up to \$100 plus court costs for a first offense;

(b) up to \$200 plus court costs for a second offense occurring within one year of first offense; and

(c) up to \$300 plus court costs for a third or subsequent offense occurring within one year of a second offense.

(e) Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.

(f) All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of Oconee County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.

(g) This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after third reading and enactment by Oconee County Council.

Enacted this _____ day of _____, 2014.

OCONEE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

BY: _____
Joel Thrift, Council Chairman,
Oconee County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Elizabeth Hulse, Clerk to Council
Oconee County, South Carolina

First Reading: March 18, 2014
Second Reading: _____
Third Reading: _____
Public Hearing: _____

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OCONEE COUNTY
ORDINANCE 2014 -08

AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE TEMPORARY PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR THE POSSESSION, SALE, AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS BY THE DRINK TO BONA FIDE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS AUTHORIZED TO BE LICENSED FOR CONSUMPTION-ON-PREMISES SALES AND TO ALLOW THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE AT PERMITTED OFF-PREMISES LOCATIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE DAYS OR HOURS OF SALE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, Oconee County, South Carolina (the "County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "State"), acting by and through its governing body, the Oconee County Council (the "County Council"), has previously adopted multiple ordinances for the effective, efficient governance of the County, which, subsequent to adoption, are codified in the Oconee County Code of Ordinances (the "County Code"), as amended, from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, certain business and nonprofit organizations within the County desire to have the ability to possess, sell, and offer for consumption alcoholic liquors by the drink on-premises and to sell beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations seven days a week, with no limitation on the days or hours upon which such beer and wine can be sold; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 61-6-2010(C)(4) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), entitled *Temporary permits upon referendum vote*, a county or municipal governing body is authorized by ordinance to call for a referendum to be conducted at the next general election on the issue of allowing the issuance of a temporary permit to certain business and nonprofit organizations within the County to possess, sell, and offer for consumption alcoholic liquors by the drink on-premises and to sell beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations seven days a week, with no limitation on the days or hours upon which such beer and wine can be sold; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 61-6-2010(C)(4) of the Code, the County Council seeks to call for a referendum and have the Oconee County Election Commission conduct the referendum and place a question on the ballot at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2014 to determine if the qualified electors shall allow for the issuance of a temporary permit to certain business and nonprofit organizations within the County to possess, sell, and offer for consumption alcoholic liquors by the drink on-premises and to sell beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations seven days a week, with no limitation on the days or hours upon which such beer and wine can be sold:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the Oconee County Council, in meeting duly assembled that:

1. The statements of fact and policy from the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby adopted, as findings of fact, by the County Council, in their entirety, and are hereby adopted by reference, as part of the ordaining language of this Ordinance as fully as if set forth verbatim herein. It is the specific intent of the County Council to enact an ordinance that is fully authorized by the law and Constitution of the State, and is consistent with and does not violate State law.
2. Pursuant to the authority granted in Section 61-6-2010(C)(1)(b) of the Code, the County Council hereby requests that the Oconee County Election Commission place the following question, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which is hereby incorporated herein as fully as if set forth verbatim herein, on the ballot at the next general election to be held on November 4, 2014, and to cause a notice to be published in the newspaper of general circulation at least seven (7) days before the referendum. The deadline to submit the referendum question to the Oconee County Election Commission is noon on Friday August 15, 2014.
3. The County Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions required of the County, or that he may deem desirable in his sole discretion, to give effect to the acts of the County Council as contemplated herein.
4. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the rest and remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
5. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, and actions of the County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded. However, nothing contained herein, or in **Exhibit A** hereto, shall cancel, void, or revoke, or shall be interpreted as cancelling, voiding, or revoking in any regard any prior County acts, actions, or decisions of the County or the County Council, in any regard, except as explicitly and specifically stated herein.
6. All other terms, provisions, and parts of the County Code not amended hereby, directly or by implication, shall remain in full force and effect.
7. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the third reading and the public hearing and enactment by the County Council in accordance with the County Code.

Ordained in meeting, duly assembled, this ___ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

 Elizabeth Hulse,
 Clerk to Oconee County Council

 Joel Thrift,
 Chairman, Oconee County Council

First Reading: _____
 Second Reading: _____
 Public Hearing: _____
 Third Reading: _____

EXHIBIT A
(Referendum Question)

“Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue temporary permits in Oconee County for a period not to exceed twenty-four hours to allow the possession, sale, and consumption of alcoholic liquors by the drink to bona fide nonprofit organizations and business establishments authorized to be licensed for consumption-on-premises sales and to allow the sale of beer and wine at permitted off-premises locations without regard to the days or hours of sales?”

**AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC**

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 18, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM

ITEM TITLE [Brief Statement]:

First Reading [in title only] of Ordinance 2014-10 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 38 "ZONING" OF THE OCONEE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ALL ZONING MAPS INCORPORATED THEREIN AND THEREBY, IN CERTAIN LIMITED REGARDS AND PARTICULARS, ONLY; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO "

BACKGROUND DESCRIPTION:

The proposed ordinance, 2014-10 (Seneca Rail Site), originates from Economic Development Staff's effort to obtain Site Certification for the Seneca Rail Site. As you know, zoning is part of the requirement to receive certified status. Currently, the site is zoned in the Control Free District. It is staff's request that parcel, 240-00-04-149, be zoned into the Industrial District. The request consists of 1 parcel totaling approximately 111 acres located along Shiloh Rd. The parcel is located in the small town urban area on the Future Land Use Map. As submitted, the parcel would be rezoned into the Industrial District.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS [only if applicable]:

None

FINANCIAL IMPACT [Brief Statement]:

Check Here if Item Previously approved in the Budget. No additional information required.

Approved by : _____ Finance

COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes / No
If yes, who is matching and how much;

Approved by : _____ Grants

ATTACHMENTS

Maps of rezoning proposal as submitted, and the request's location on the Future Land Use Map.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION [Brief Statement]:

It is staff's recommendation that Council [1] take first reading (in title only) of Ordinance 2014-~~10~~ and [2] refer the matter to the Planning Commission for the required review.

Submitted or Prepared By:

Approved for Submittal to Council:

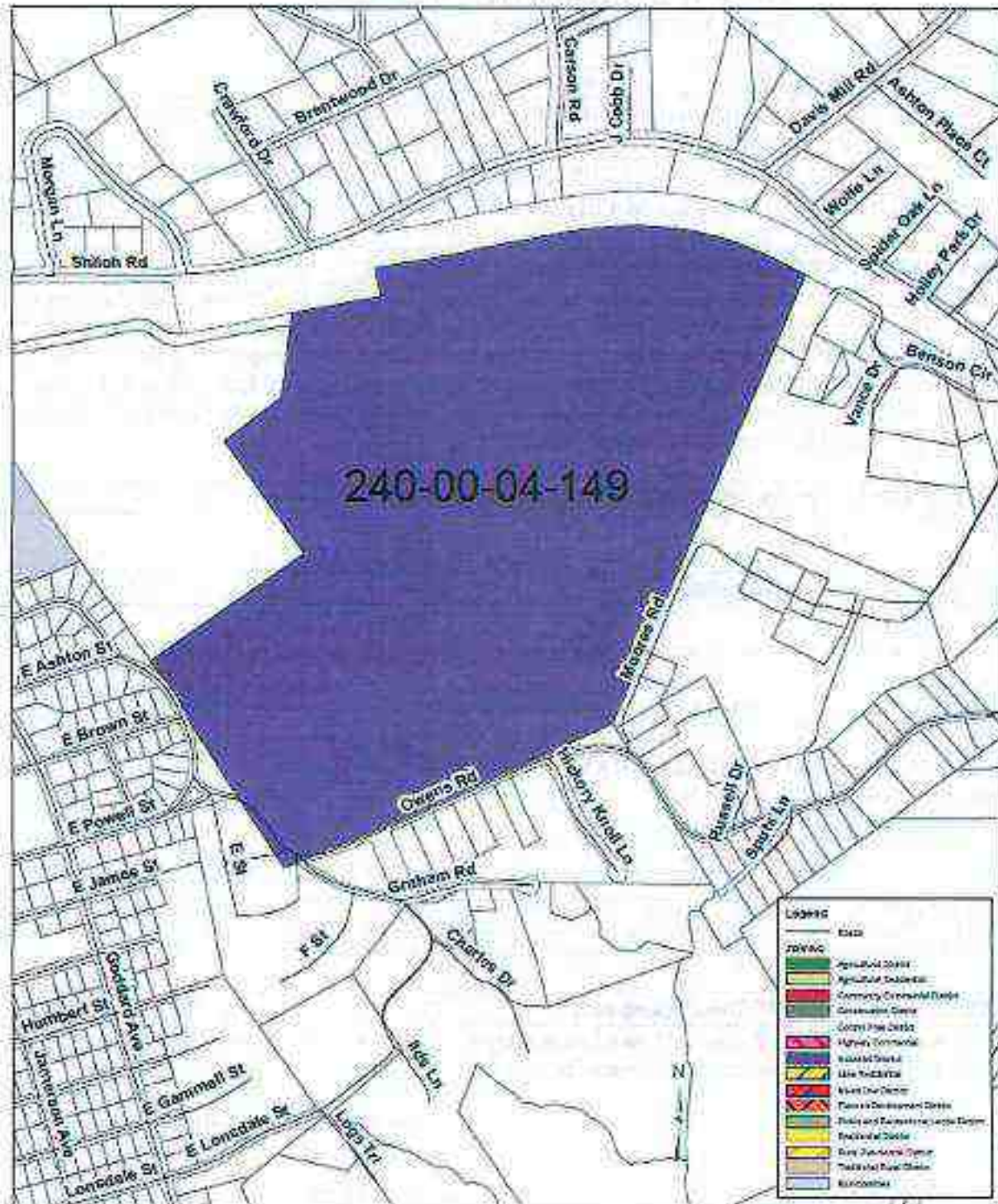
Department Head/Elected Official

T. Scott Moulder, County Administrator

Council has directed that they receive their agenda packages a week prior to each Council meeting, therefore, Agenda Items Summaries must be submitted to the Administrator for his review/approval no later than 12 days prior to each Council meeting. It is the Department Head / Elected Officials responsibility to ensure that all approvals are obtained prior to submission to the Administrator for inclusion on an agenda.

A calendar with due dates marked may be obtained from the Clerk to Council.

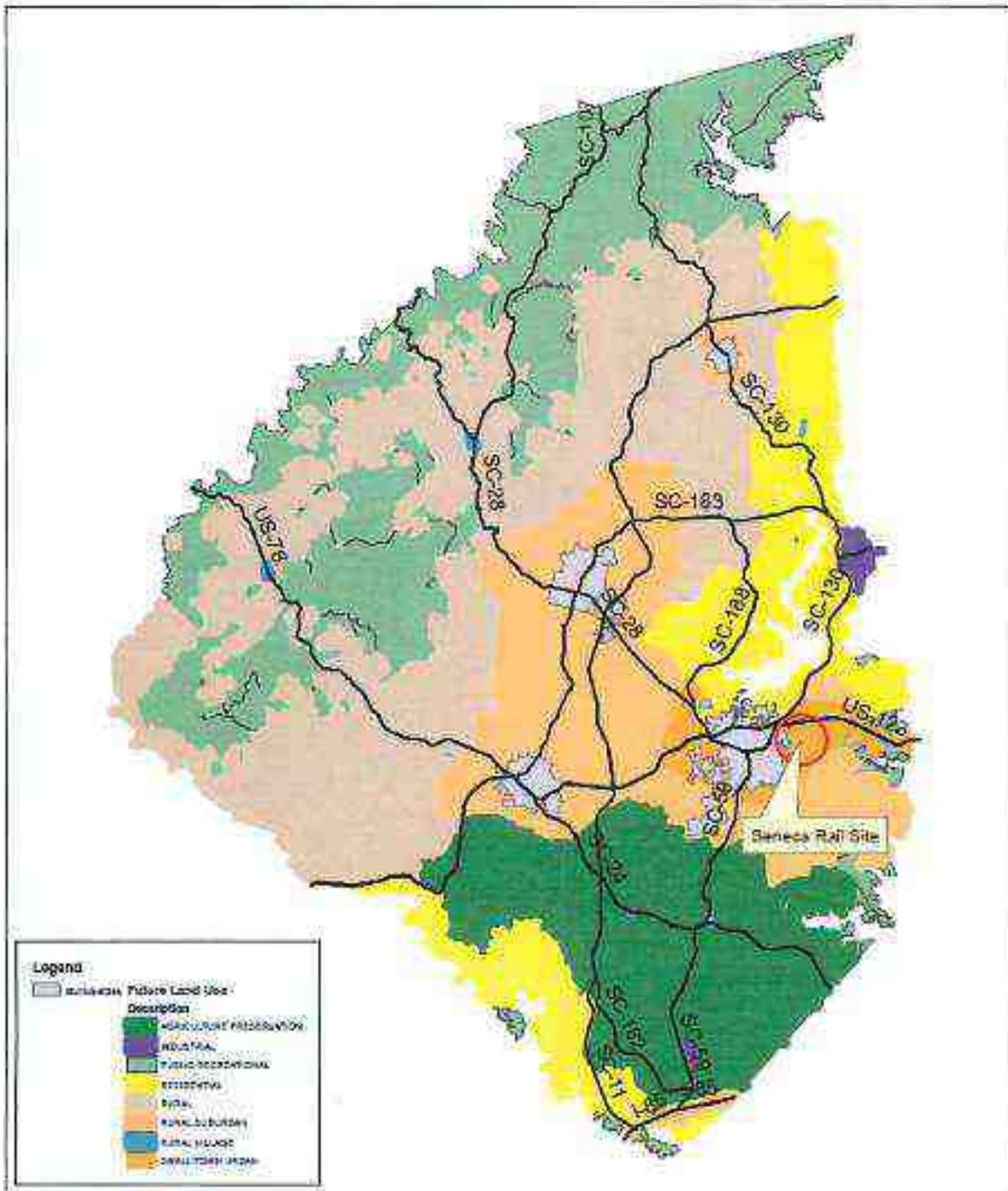
Proposed Zoning - Industrial District



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Seneca Rail Site Future Land Use Map Location



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AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY
OCONEE COUNTY, SC

COUNCIL MEETING DATE: March 18, 2014
COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:00 PM

ITEM TITLE OR DESCRIPTION:

ATAX grant request for Spring, 2014 cycle. The attached requests were approved and recommended by the PRT Commission on 02/27/14.

BACKGROUND OR HISTORY:

A portion of Local and State ATAX revenues received by Oconee County are made available for ATAX grants through Ordinance 2011-12. All ATAX grants are to be tourism related grants that meet the ATAX guidelines specified by local and State mandates. Grants are recommended by the PRT Commission based on tourism impact of the project and approved by County Council. All ATAX grant recipients are required to turn in intermediate reports every 60 days to the progress of the grant and a final report upon completion of the grant. These reports are placed in the grant folder, which is kept active by the PRT staff until the grant is considered complete.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS OR CONCERNS:

Please see attached spreadsheet for breakdown of ATAX request and recommendations

COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL PROCUREMENT REQUESTS:

Does this request follow Procurement Ordinance #2001-15 guidelines? No [review #2001-15 on Procurement's website]
If no, explain briefly: NO-ATAX grants

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of ATAX grant request per the attached spreadsheet!

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Local ATAX balance = \$147,825

See spreadsheet for grant recommendations. If all grants are approved, new balance will be:

Local ATAX = \$117,525

COMPLETE THIS PORTION FOR ALL GRANT REQUESTS:

Are Matching Funds Available: Yes

If yes, who is matching and how much: Varies by grant!

ATTACHMENTS

Reviewed By/ Initials:

_____ County Attorney _____ Finance _____ Grants _____ Procurement

Submitted or Prepared By:

Phil Shirley, PRT Director
Department Head/Elected Official

Approved for Submittal to Council:


Scott Moulder, County Administrator

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Local ATAX Grants

Applicant	Funds Request	Project Description	Amount Eligible for ATAX	PRT Commission Recommendation	State or Local ATAX
City of Seneca-SenecaFest 2014	\$11,500	Advertise 2014 SenecaFest	\$11,500.00	\$10,500	Local
Walhalla Civic Auditorium	\$15,152	Advertising-Weekend Theatre package	\$9,905.00	\$9,000	Local
South Carolina Apple Festival	\$4,000	Advertising-Apple Festival	\$4,000.00	\$3,500	Local
Upstate Heritage Quilt Trail	\$4,317	Re-deign/Re-print brochure	\$4,317.00	\$2,540	Local
Walhalla Partners for Progress	\$2,900	Complete renovations-Old St. Johns	\$2,900.00	\$2,640	Local
Walhalla Chamber-MayFest	\$2,156	Advertising-MayFest	\$820.00	\$820	Local
Lake and Mountain Quilter's Guild	\$7,736	Advertise annual Quilt Guild	\$1,315.00	\$500	Local
Our Daily Rest	\$5,000	Advertising-Lake Keowee Poker Run	\$2,500.00	\$500	Local
Issaqueena's Last Ride	\$300	Rack cards-advertise ILR bike ride	\$300.00	\$300	Local
Collin's Children's Home	\$20,000	Advertise Mud Run	\$20,000.00	\$0	
Upstate Forever	\$7,600	Advertise Rally in the Valley bike ride	\$6,000.00	\$0	
West Union Fun in the Sun	\$2,500	Advertising-Fun in the Sun Festival	\$500.00	\$0	
Lunney Museum	\$13,046	Bus Tour visits-Operational cost	\$0.00	\$0	
TOTAL	\$96,207		\$64,057	\$30,300	



NOTES
PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I, Chairman

Mr. Joel Thrift, District IV

Mr. Reginald T. Dexter, District V

Economic Development

Mr. Blackwell addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- Oconee Economic Alliance [OEA] Mission
- Organizational Update
- OEA Activities Update
- OEA Marketing Materials
- OEA Logo & Slogan
- OEA New Website & Webpages
- Workforce Development

Lastly, Mr. Blackwell shared an article entitled "The Ladder Effect" from the Site Selection magazine [copy filed with these minutes] which features Oconee County in the top micropolitan by number of projects for 2013.

Planning Department / Community Development / Zoning

Mr. Stephens and Mr. Holbrooks addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed key areas:

- Building Development – Permitting
- Zoning Update
- Community Development Update
- Strategic Planning Projects
 - Air Quality
 - Keowee Taxway Relicensing
 - Comprehensive Plan Review

Lastly, Mr. Holbrooks provided the committee with a handout entitled "Some Comments on the Comprehensive Plan Review Process" [copy filed with these minutes].

Initiating a Discussion on Vision

Mr. Stephens addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] and discussed the following topics:

- Zoning History in Oconee County
- Oconee County's Zoning Method: Euclidean
- Oconee County 100% Zoned / 40 Ordinances
- Context / Communication with Community
- Moving Forward: Alignment / Community
- 2014 Strategic Planning Stakeholder Groups
- Planning Commission Sub-Committee Early Discussions
- Form Based Code as it relates to Stakeholder Groups
- Comparison: Euclidean vs. Form Based [with examples]
- Fair Play Community Example
- Map of Oconee County Showing Growth Areas

Discussion followed. It was the consensus of the committee that public input be gathered prior to any action by the committee and/or council. In addition, **the committee directed Mr. Stephens to coordinate with the Administrator to provide the presentation to the Planning Commission and encourage them to obtain public input at commission & community meetings.**



NOTES
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mr. Reg Dexter, Chairman, District V
Mr. Paul Corbeil, District I
Mr. Wayne McCall, District II

Oconee County Airport Presentation / Mr. Randy Rentz, Aeronautics Commission Chair

Mr. Rentz along with Airport Director Kevin Short addressed the Committee utilizing a PowerPoint presentation [copy filed with these minutes] highlighting the following issues:

- Demand for Airport Development
- Airport Revenues
- Aircraft Storage Demand
- Airport Development Benefits
- Potential Hanger Options [2] & Costs
- Why Build Now

Discussion followed. Committee members recognized the value of the airport to the county and community and praised staff and the Commission for their presentation.

Mr. Dexter made a request of the Administrator to review funding options for both options presented for hanger construction for Council's consideration during the FY 2014-2015 budget discussions.

Request for Direction re: Disposal of Oconee Economic Development House/Walhalla Main St.

Mr. Moulder updated the Committee regarding the final step in the Oconee Economic Development merger with Oconee Alliance; becoming Oconee Economic Alliance. As part of the merger, the Economic Development office on Main Street Walhalla has been vacated. Mr. Moulder asked for direction regarding Council's wish for either use the building for other county functions or options to sell the property [RFP, auction, sale by owner, etc.] placing it back on the tax roll. Discussion followed regarding various options to include housing any of the state mandated office in the building, etc.

MOTION REQUIRED FOR COUNCIL TO AFFIRM: Committee's recommendation to have the Administrator proceed with the sale of the building after completion of an appraisal; ultimately placing the building up for sale by auction at or near the established appraised value.